

The Goths now began to be distinguished as VISIGOTHS and OSTROGOTHS - Goths of the West & East, the former inhabiting the Docean provinces and banks of the Danube; the latter, the shores of the BLACK SEA.

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Greutungi - Ostrogoth

First mention of the GREUTUNGI

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When ATHANARIC was negotiating a peace settlement with Valens in 369, the emperor addressed him as king. To this the Gothic prince replied he preferred the title judge, since the judge embodied wisdom, the king only power. The title REIKS would have limited ATHANARIC's authority. He was "judge of kings". In the capacity of judge Athanaric dispatched reiks with tribal forces across the frontier, conducted ~~from~~ in

person war against the Romans in British
territory (like his reputed father had done), and
tried in vain to resist the advance of the Romans
inside the GOTTIUDA

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Roman general Theodosius
drives the PICTS and SCOTS
out of Roman Britain

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It remains unclear however, whether the Saevtungi come to the aid of the Tervingi in 369 or whether they simply wanted to protect their own territory against the Romans

369, 370, 371

Athanasius took up the policy of his
reported father and on behalf of the Roman
obedience conducted the 2nd persecution
of CHRISTIANS. The fury raged for 3 yrs.
and was directed indiscriminately against
ARIANS, Catholics, and Audeans

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Peace with the Gods

This time Valens crossed the Danube at NOVIODUNUM - I SACC EA . He had another pontoon bridge thrown across the river and invaded what is modern-day Bessarabia-Moldavia S.S.R. The Roman army first encountered the GREUTUNGI who had possibly come across the BUDJAL steppe to aid the TERVINGI . The Greutungi however withdrew quickly, and the imperial

forces marched on. The deeper they
penetrated into the area between the
PRUT and the Dniester the stronger the
+ungarian resistance became, until
ATHANARIC finally faced the Roman
Army. The Goths lost but under leadership
of Athanasius they escaped annihilation. After
a clever ~~evasive~~ maneuver, the Gothic Judge
opened negotiations with the Romans. Valens
accepted the offer

Sept 369

Valens had to make peace with ATHANARIK as an equal. He had to recognize Athanasius's refusal (on religious grounds) to set foot on Roman soil and he had to negotiate for an entire day on a boat anchored at a "suitable place" in the middle of the Danube. Athanasius had to conclude a new treaty on less favorable terms but still establishing AMICITIA. On the Roman side, the previously open trade between

the Donatist provinces & the + savings was
restricted to two border provinces and payments
to the federates were halted. The Goths handed
over hostages, and the emperor returned to Constantinople
and assumed the triumphal COTHICUS - title.
Athanasius was given a free hand to persecute
Christians (to make war against the internal
enemy) which he did until 372

369-377

Subjugation of Ostrogoths
by Avars.

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The Second Gothic persecution of the Christians lasted from 369 to 372 and was conducted far more systematically than the 1st in 348. The Gothic persecutors were not content with isolated actions or the exiling of Christian tribemen, but aimed for complete extermination. The persecution was directed by ATHANARIC who conducted it in the same way he had leading the Danubian-Gothic confederacy.

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generation the Gothic judge was simply
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the devil." He ordered his people to carry "something
like an image of god" through the countryside
on top of a wagon & to offer sacrifices to it. Whoever
refused to do so was burned along with
his dwelling. He forced Christianity
would dissolve the traditional social
order of his people. The split among the
Tervengi was deepened & this contributed
considerably to the catastrophe of 376.